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17 Ferris St. Cambridgeport Mass.  
Sept. 16 '81

My dear Sir, -

Will you please inform me whether artillery color is any particular shade of red. I am about to have a book bound (History of Tenth Mass. Battery) and wish it bound in the particular shade of red appropriate to artillery. An early reply to this inquiry will greatly oblige

Yours very truly

John D. Billings

Lieut. O. C. Howard  
West Point, N. Y.



17 June 81. [Faint, illegible handwriting]



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Spokane Falls, W. T.

Sept. 16 1881

Gen. O. O. Howard:

West Point, N. Y.

Dear Sir Your favor of Aug 19 notifying me of your endorsement of my letter to the Indian Dept. of July 28<sup>th</sup> was duly rec'd. Many thanks for your kind interest in the Spokans which distance and absorption in numerous other duties does not efface. I venture further upon your indulgence and respectfully ask you to endorse and forward the enclosed communication which will explain itself. If the Deep Creek Colony should fail it will be mainly for the reason mentioned. I feel great anxiety about it.

My broken leg is healing but slowly. Have not yet got off crutches but hope to return to my work in two weeks. Otherwise we are all well, and all desire to be kindly remembered by you.

Yours in Christ  
H. T. Cowley

Conroy,

Prothon Oct 20  
Oct 16, 1881.

Andrews ordered by the  
Genl to forward Oct 5/81

Prothon

Recd Oct 3, 1881.

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Executive Committee  
of the State Association  
of the Young Men's Christian Associations  
of the State of New York  
Cor. of 23d Street and Fourth Ave.,  
New York.

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Sept. 16. '81

Dear Genl.

I am about N.Y.

For a few days now &  
in case it is convenient

Mrs H. and myself  
will run up one afternoon  
next week & spend the  
night with you - I want to  
talk further with you about  
Mr S' - &c &c

Will any special day  
be preferable to you?

Yours Geo A Hall

Hall, S. A.

New York  
Sept 16, 1881.

Answered by the Recd  
Sept 17, 1881.

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Yankee, Sept. 16<sup>I</sup>. 81

My dear Genl. Howard,

Mrs. de Billien, a  
neighbor and friend of ours,  
goes to West Point to spend a  
few days with her children  
at the Hotel, and we feel  
very desirous to have her  
time passed pleasantly by  
seeing all that interests strangers,  
& I have taken the liberty to  
ask of you the favor, through  
one of your aids, to put her  
in the way to do so. Would  
you do us this kindness?

If you will, you will greatly  
obey your old Professor  
and friend.

Wm. O. Bartlett

Genl. C. O. Howard  
West Point  
N.Y.

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My dear Lew:

Your letter is rec'd. I have  
just got home, & the weather is so hot, & my wife  
is about sick. But, I will do as you say, & soon  
send you the 2<sup>d</sup> Chapter of the book. I have  
already seen me it over, but have been so pressed,  
that I have not been able to transcribe.  
Have you thought a second time, of what

I said about Rev. G. F. Collier of Cleveland? You  
dined with him once at C. & he remembers you  
well. I think him just the man for you.

Love to you & yours,

Affly  
J. C. Franklin. *J.C.F.*

Sept. 1868, 81, }  
March 1869. }

*Franklin, J. C.*

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Mansfield, O. Sept. 17, 1891.

Genl. O. O. Howard. Your registration at Chautauque affords opportunity of addressing you on our Congregational Sunday-School Congress. Our meeting last year (1890) appointed a committee to secure the legal organization and put up a building as soon as a sufficient sum could be raised. The Trustees have been appointed, and legally incorporated. \$600. has been subscribed, more than a quarter of it paid in, and the rest is ready on call. Allow us to ask you for a little immediate effort to secure subscribers for a few shares, at \$10.00 each, and to send their names to our Treasurer, Rev. E. C. Hall, Jamestown, N. Y. (the money to be paid by April 1st next) that next summer <sup>we may</sup> welcome you, and your friends, to our new Congregational Head Quarters.

In behalf of the Trustees. - Frank Russell, Sec'y. 126

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West Point,  
N.Y.

Answered by list  
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Vancouver Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1881

Genl. O. O. Howard

Dear Sir

My correspondence has suffered very much lately on account of my time being taken up so much by the Lurline on her Astoria Trips. I have not been at home on Sunday for nearly three months but think I shall be able to escape the Astoria trip tomorrow

We have moved down town and sleep in our house for the first time tonight. Grace stands this more much better than the last. and Bessie is well and happy. It would do good to see her now she is very 'cute' and knows a great deal. Drs McCallan and Dixon go east on the steamer this place will be filled tomorrow

perarily (This understood by Dr. Keigman  
Dr. MacLellan promise to call at Westport  
and will probably ask some questions about  
his removal from Vancouver to Luperon  
i.e. I infer he will from a remark he  
made that he would like to know why the  
General consented to his being sent to Luperon  
Charles Kamm has returned to stay, he  
has not decided what business to engage  
in.

On Aug. 7<sup>th</sup> I succeeded in getting \$66.<sup>80</sup> from  
Kinnis - enclosed please find money order  
This pays the interest to Aug 7<sup>th</sup> 1881 and  
leaves a new principal of \$100<sup>00</sup>

July 21<sup>st</sup> I paid assessment No. 13 - \$20<sup>00</sup> as  
for receipt and have today received notice  
that No. 14 - of \$20<sup>00</sup> will be delinquent on the  
24<sup>th</sup> inst

I have received an offer for my house  
and lot in Astoria of \$3000<sup>00</sup> but do not like  
to take it as it is paying all my taxes  
and something over and will probably in-  
crease in value if I can hold it.  
My salary has not been increased

but Mr Kamin has intimated that  
I am worth more and an ~~a~~ increase  
when the opposition pulls off. Al: my  
brother is getting \$100- and board per  
month as mate of the R.R. transfer  
boat at Ansonville

Gen Miles seems to have taken a firm  
hold of the reins of the Department. and  
I understand, everyone has to "toe the mark"  
however; he pleasantly disappoints many  
who were prepared to dislike him.

Our friend the "Washington" still holds on  
and has quite a number of sympathizers  
in the garrison

Dr Spaulding the new Register of the Land Office  
has assumed his duties. Newlin the late  
is a miserable, drunken loafer.

Pancener is improving some. Quite a  
large number of houses has been built

the summer  
I have not done any thing further  
about the P.M. appointment - since the  
President was shot. and don't know  
that I shall - but I am getting tired of  
a business <sup>that</sup> claims all of our time,  
nights days and Sundays, with  
swimming, tending, and low wages.  
People inquire pleasantly about your  
health and how you like West Point  
Whom I don't know. but I think you  
are missed from many enterprises  
for good.

Give my love to Mr Howard  
Bennet and the boys and all  
inquiring friends

James G. Gray

Vancouver  
Sept 11/81

Forward by the Genl  
Oct 11/81 -  
James G. Gray

Recd at W. P. 10/11/81

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United States Internal Revenue,

Dep't Collector's Office, ..... District, Virginia,

Lynchburg Va Sept 17, 1881.

Genl O. C. Howard U.S.A

My dear Sir -

Please accept my  
Sincere thanks for your prompt  
reply to my letter - I could  
not of course expect you to  
prejudice the claims of your  
son for the benefit of mine  
and hope you may receive  
the appointment for your  
son Chauncey, and that he  
may be as distinguished a

Graduate as his Father.

If however you can at  
any time, see where you  
can give my son Lyons  
a lift it will be greatly  
appreciated and most thank  
fully received by us both.

Wishing you continued  
health and prosperity

I am very Sincerely  
Your friend

F. C. Huller

*Gale*

*Lyons, Va.  
Sept. 14, 1881.*

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Howells Depot, N. Y.  
Sept 19, 1881 -

Brig. Gen. O. O. Howard -

General -

The Genl Association  
(of Congl Churches and Ministers) of this State  
meets at Warsaw, Wyoming Co Oct. 18-20, 1881.  
In behalf of the Business Committee of  
that body, I beg to enquire if it will be  
practicable and agreeable for you to give  
us an address upon the Indian Question  
or some of its phases, on Thursday evening  
Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>?

It will give the Bus. Com. great pleasure to  
be able to announce such an address on the  
Programme of the meeting; and your known  
familiarity with the subject will awaken the  
liveliest interest on the part of the Association -

Hoping your official engagements may not pre-  
clude your favoring the Association,

I remain, General,

Very respectfully,

Your obedt servant,

James Demme - Secy &c

Beane, Rev. J.

Howell's Dept  
Sept 19, 1881.

Answered by the Secy  
Sept 20, 1881.

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Office of the Post Quartermaster,

Fort Walla Walla, W. T., Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 1881

Gen. C. C. Howard,

Headqrs Dept of West Point,

Sir,

I have the honor  
to acknowledge the receipt  
of your letter of Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>  
1881, addressed to the Adjutant  
General of the Army in re-  
ference to my application  
for an appointment as  
Capt. and A. Q. M., U. S. A. <sup>and</sup>  
to express my sincere  
thanks for your kind  
recommendation

Very Respectfully

W. H. Miller

lieut & Capt<sup>l</sup> Gen.

Office of the Postmaster

*[Faint, illegible handwriting covering the majority of the page]*



A. P. KETCHUM,  
Pres't.

*Ketchum, B. P.*  
T. W. ROBINSON,  
Cashier.

MOUNT MORRIS BANK,

NEW YORK CITY.

EAST 125TH STREET,

*132*  
New York, Sept. 19, 1881

My dear General.

You may remember I  
am referred to a proposal  
call at West Point by Mr.  
& Mrs. Ross, and my wife  
and self, and you were kind  
enough to respond favorably  
to the proposition. If Saturday  
of this week should be a pleasant  
day, and there should be no  
objection to our presence at that  
time on military ground, we  
shall hope to learn here by the  
8 o'clock Hudson River train.

My brother-in-law, Ross Mr.  
Bright - a Congregational  
minister, son of Mrs. and  
formerly of Illinois may be

company us. I trust you  
will not feel incumbered  
by our presence, and that  
you will not take the trouble  
to make any special pro-  
vision for us. It will be easy  
for us to find the requisite in  
the regard at the hotel, and  
as our company is to be some-  
what numerous, we shall be  
more than pleased if you can  
but grant us pilotage in our  
time of duration.

With regards to Mr. Howard  
Sincerely yours

A. P. Kephau

Gen. O. O. Howard

Carley, E. B.

Syracuse, N. Y.  
Sept 19, 1881.

Answered by the Genl  
Sept 21, 1881

Recd Sept 22, 1881

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# 122 Seymour St.

Syracuse N. Y. Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

Gen. O. O. Howard.

Dear Sir:- You will  
no doubt be surprised to receive  
this, from an old soldier, but  
from your national reputation,  
I know you will pardon me for  
the intrusion.

A little over two years ago  
a few of us organized a "Mission"  
Sunday School, with a small  
beginning of about twenty, our  
number has increased to over  
one hundred & fifty. We have  
organized a Temperance Society

and our pledge is the triple one,  
that is, no strong drink, including  
wine, beer & cider, no tobacco, and  
against profanity.

What I would like of you,  
if it is not too much trouble, is  
to give us from your stand point  
as a military commander, of our  
experience as a temperance man  
with army life, or anything on  
the subject that will interest  
the boys of our school.

Very Truly Yours

E. B. Casley

Date of 1844 N. Y. S. V. S.

# 122 Seymour St.

Syracuse,

N. Y.

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Office of the Lewiston Journal.

EDITORIAL ROOMS.

Lewiston, Me., Sept. 19 1881

My Dear General:

Yours of the 17<sup>th</sup> is at hand, I find on examining the law that my nomination of a cadet should be made very soon, and I have accordingly concluded to order the examination at Lewiston about the middle of Nov. — exact time to be fixed as soon as I find competent gentlemen to serve on the examining committee.

Sincerely yours,  
Almon Dingley Jr.

Chingley, N. Jr.

Lewiston, Me.  
Sept 19. 1881.

Answered by the Genl  
Sept 21. 1881.

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Boston Sept 19/81  
Gen Broke

This is all I have  
seen of the Visitors Report.  
Is it not unkindly?  
Please drop me a line. They  
seem to find fault with  
the assignment of a  
"General" as Lt. They  
do complain of your  
allowing adj. Genl in  
quarters & there is a  
mirror-report on a  
subject not specified.

Is the endorsement of Gen  
Hager a reflection against  
"system of discipline"?

All well - Mother as  
usual; affs  
Renland

do I mis-cast the Report?



Howard, P.

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Boston, Mass.

Sept 19, 1881.

Answered by the Genl  
Sept 21/81-

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Wm. Skinner

Bangor Me Sept 19. 1881

Gen. O. O. Howard,

Beausie.

If not trespassing too  
much upon your time would be  
pleased to receive your autograph.

1881  
Respectfully yours  
W. L. Skinner

Gen. O. O. Howard

Shiner, M.C.

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Gen. W. D. Howard

Franklin

I was trespassing on

your time would be

Bangor, Me.

Sept 19, 1881

M. C. Shiner

Answer Sept 21

Recd 21/9/81

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE  
OF YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS

Wichard, L.D.

23d St. cor. 4th Ave.,

New York, Sept. 19, 1881

Answered Sept 20/81

Genl. O. O. Howard

My Dear Sir,

At Mr. Hall's request I write you in regard to Rev. Mr. Stewart of Auburn. I knew him well in Coleridge and have watched his progress in the ministry with not a little interest. He was a vigorous Christian worker in Coleridge and his success in such work was secured because of his high standing intellectually and socially, and also because of his genuine Christian character.

I know few men who are better  
adapted to the work of influencing  
young men and impressing them  
with the importance of Christian  
living.

Sincerely hoping that you may  
secure the right man for  
your important field, wherever  
and wherever he may be.

Truly cordially yours,

L. D. Michael.

Woods, C. E. S.

rolling example of the  
natural weakness  
and ape like folly of  
mankind. The young  
Sprigs of Plutocracy  
who never yet had a  
thought above a girl or  
a dinner, who now  
on the Avenue are the  
admired of the silly  
little petticoats who  
ogle them and their  
glittering tandems are  
I suppose filling some  
purpose in the world of

P. O. Box 779.

Newport, R. I.

Sept. 19. 1881

My dear General I think you  
would have enjoyed this  
trip very much. The  
"Lookout," is a fine yacht  
and my brother would  
have given you all the  
deep sea fishing your  
heart could desire.

This is a quaint  
town in the original  
but<sup>is</sup> being rapidly overrun

by multitudes of the most beautiful "cottages," so called but really mansions - surrounded by fairy like grounds. It seems the concentration of wealth and luxury, but plain men like you and me will find as much to laugh at in the people as to admire in their residences. The dog carts and tandems which so awake your ire at West Point are multiplied

an hundred or thousand fold here and with added features of folly. Huge coaches with hideous yellow sunning gear, a lined coachman on the box and two lined footmen in the rumble behind and a fat old dowager in the coach, each flunkie with a bouquet of dahlias golden rod or sunflowers, is a step back into the artificialities of the last century and is a

but I am not at all  
sure that in this pleasant  
ministry to the senses the  
naked pure love of Christ  
and charity to all men  
and washing the feet of  
the poor is not obscured  
if not hidden. The  
grand organ which rolled  
its sweeteners over us  
bore the inscription:

"Presented by Lord Bishop  
Berkeley ~~1777~~ 1733"

The sermon was not a sermon  
but an appeal for aid for the  
~~Ministers~~ "Increase of the Ministry  
Society. My brother is here"  
hurrying me and I am  
making so many mistakes  
I will say Good by - Loveball

P. O. Box 779.

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Newport, R. I.

God and the Republic of  
Man but what their  
sphere of usefulness is  
my philosophy cannot  
discover. However as  
you are not on the spot  
to see the tide of folly  
and fashion roll on, you  
may not be as disgusted  
as I am and may attribute  
my spleen to jealousy and  
envy so I will turn to  
better things. Yesterday

Love,

Mother and I went to  
"Old Trinity," the earliest  
founded church in the  
town - possibly in the  
state for all I know.

The graveyard with its  
antiquated tombs and  
queer epitaphs dating  
close on to 1600 reminds  
me of our old Garrison  
Forest church yard in  
Maryland. One monument  
was a tribute both to the  
dead and the then survivor  
saying it was erected

"to her of great suavity of  
manner by her loving son  
First Fellow of Trinity College  
Dublin and Member of  
Parliament from \_\_\_\_\_" I  
have forgotten the county.

The pews were the square  
"box stall" pews with seats  
on three sides and very high  
backs, like the ones portrayed  
in Millais picture of  
"Her first Sermon." The  
stained glass windows, the  
intoning and sweet singing  
of the choristers certainly  
helped to a dreamy enjoyment  
of the place and sentimental  
speculations as to Heaven